OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 NOVEMBER 2017

CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

1.1 To review the information provided on the Corporate Peer Challenge 2017.

2 Action required

2.1 To consider the information provided on the feedback from the Corporate Peer Challenge, including recommendations made and actions to address them, and also identify potential areas for future scrutiny.

3 Background information

- 3.1 From 15 to 19 May 2017 the Council hosted a Corporate Peer Challenge.
- 3.2 Peer Challenges are offered by the Local Government Association to local authorities to assist with improvement.
- 3.3 The Peer Challenge is a process commissioned by a council and involves a small team of local government officers and councillors spending time at the council as peers to provide challenge and share learning.
- 3.4 The focus of the Peer Challenge is worked up with each council individually and is flexible to its needs. The Peer Challenge is focused on a broad organisational level and does not include in-depth service reviews. The flexibility enables the Peer Challenge to focus on local priorities, outcomes and ambitions.
- 3.5 Feedback from the Peer Challenge is included in the form of a briefing note, which is attached.

4 <u>List of attached information</u>

- 4.1 Briefing note regarding the Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge.
- 5 <u>Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information</u>
- 5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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